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2016/1
Evaluation of the UNDP contribution to mine action and management response

The Executive Board

With regard to the evaluation of UNDP contribution to mine action (DP/2016/4) and the management response thereto (DP/2016/5):

1. *Takes note* that the evaluation has found that UNDP has been a valuable participant in the global mine action effort, helping national Governments to establish and manage their mine action programmes;

2. *Notes* the evaluation report's conclusions and recommendations, and the management response.

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2016/2
Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2014

UNDP: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2014

UNFPA report on the follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2014: Status of implementation of recommendations

UNOPS: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the year 2014

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the unqualified audit opinions issued by the United Nations Board of Auditors for all three organizations for 2014;

2. *Recognizes* the high-risk environments in which UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS as well as their implementing partners operate, and *requests* the entities to continue to take appropriate measures to strengthen the mechanisms for fraud prevention, control and risk assessment, including through the effective application of operating procedures for fraud prevention;

With regard to UNDP:

3. *Takes note* of the report (DP/2016/6) on the actions taken by UNDP and the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and the further actions planned to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the financial period that ended on 31 December 2014;

4. *Notes* the progress made by UNDP in addressing the top eight audit-related management priorities for the 2014-2015 biennium;

5. *Encourages* ongoing management efforts by UNDP and UNCDF in the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2014 and prior years, in line with target implementation dates;

6. *Encourages* UNDP to continue to strengthen programme management, oversight and reporting, including by improving programme quality, in particular at country level, and to monitor the effectiveness of measures taken in that regard;

7. *Further encourages* UNDP to continue its efforts to enhance oversight and management of implementing partners, including ensuring compliance with UNDP policies and procedures, and assurance requirements, and *urges* UNDP to closely monitor implementation of the revised harmonized approach to cash transfers framework;

8. *Encourages* the continued efforts of UNDP to uncover and prevent procurement irregularities and other fraudulent practices and improve actions for recovery of funds, and *underscores* the importance of protecting whistleblowers and ensuring that whistleblower protections are both robust and well known to all staff members;

9. *Notes* the implementation of structural change, and *urges* UNDP to take all necessary measures to finalize the development of a formal benefit realization plan, and further *emphasizes* the need to continue to address any concerns of staff related to structural change implementation;

With regard to UNFPA:

10. *Takes note* of the report (DP/FPA/2016/1) on the actions taken by UNFPA and the further actions planned by the organization to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the financial period that ended on 31 December 2014;

11. *Encourages* UNFPA to continue monitoring the implementation by all units of the new internal electronic systems for managing workplans and analysing information, including by tracking the effectiveness of such systems in improving delivery, performance management and approaches to risk;

With regard to UNOPS:

12. *Takes note* of the report (DP/OPS/2016/1) on the actions taken by UNOPS and the further actions planned by the organization to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the financial period that ended on 31 December 2014;

13. *Acknowledges* that because many of the recommendations require long-term attention, UNOPS will need to work beyond the financial year 2015 to successfully implement them.

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2016/3
Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its first regular session 2016

The Executive Board

Recalls that during its first regular session 2016, it:

Item 1
Organizational matters

Elected the following members of the Bureau for 2016:

President:	H.E. Mr. Zohrab Mnatsakanyan (Armenia)
Vice-President:	H.E. Ms. Bénédicte Frankinet (Belgium)
Vice-President:	H.E. Mr. Mamadi Touré (Republic of Guinea)
Vice-President:	H.E. Mr. Khiane Phansourivong (Lao People's Democratic Republic)
Vice-President:	Mr. Tumasie Blair (Antigua and Barbuda)

Adopted the agenda and approved the workplan for its first regular session 2016 (DP/2016/L.1);

Approved the report of the second regular session 2015 (DP/2016/1);

Adopted the annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2016 (DP/2016/CRP.1);

Approved the tentative workplan for the annual session 2016;

Agreed to the following schedule for the remaining sessions of the Executive Board in 2016:

Annual session 2016:	6 to 10 June 2016 -
Second regular session 2016:	6 to 9, 12 September 2016.

UNDP segment

Item 2

UNDP country programmes and related matters

Approved the following country programmes in accordance with decision 2014/7:

Africa: Ethiopia (DP/DCP/ETH/3), United Republic of Tanzania (DP/DCP/TZA/2);
Arab States: Iraq (DP/DCP/IRQ/2 and Corr.1), Syrian Arab Republic (DP/DCP/SYR/3);
Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States: Azerbaijan (DP/DCP/AZE/4);
Latin America and the Caribbean: Argentina (DP/DCP/ARG/3), Uruguay (DP/DCP/URY/3).

Took note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Brazil, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Trinidad and Tobago from 1 January to 31 December 2016, and for the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and Ukraine from 1 January to 31 December 2017, already approved by the Administrator (DP/2016/3).

Approved the two-year extension of the country programme for the Philippines from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018 (DP/2016/3).

Item 3
Evaluation

Adopted decision 2016/1 on the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to mine action (DP/2016/4) and management response (DP/2016/5).

UNFPA segment

Item 4
UNFPA: Country programmes and related matters

Approved the following UNFPA country programmes in accordance with decision 2014/7:

Ethiopia (DP/FPA/CPD/ETH/8); Iraq (DP/FPA/CPD/IRQ/2); Syrian Arab Republic (DP/FPA/CPD/SYR/8 and Corr.1); United Republic of Tanzania (DP/FPA/CPD/TZA/8); and Uruguay (DP/FPA/CPD/URY/3);

Approved the second one-year extensions of the UNFPA country programmes for Algeria and Yemen, and the two-year extension of the country programme for the Philippines (DP/FPA/2016/2);

Took note of the first one-year extension, approved by the Executive Director, of the country programme for Ghana (DP/FPA/2016/2).

UNOPS segment

Heard the UNOPS Executive Director give a statement.

Joint segment

Item 6
Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

Adopted decision 2016/2 on the recommendations of the Board of Auditors related to the following reports: *UNDP*: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2014 (DP/2016/6); *UNFPA*: Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2014: Status of implementation of recommendations (DP/FPA/2016/1); and *UNOPS*: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the year 2014 (DP/OPS/2016/1).

Also held the following briefings, informal consultations and special events:

UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS

Joint briefing on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

UNDP

Informal dialogue on UNDP funding (core funding and thematic funding windows)

UNFPA

Special event entitled: *Partnerships for addressing maternal and child health and realizing the demographic dividend: African faith-based organizations in the lead*

Informal consultation on the midterm review of the UNFPA Strategic Plan, 2014-2017.

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TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
ANNUAL SESSION 2016
(6 - 10 June 2016, New York)

Day/Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Friday, 3 June	10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 3 to 6 p.m.		JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-WOMEN AND WFP
Monday, 6 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session • Adoption of the report of the first regular session 2016 **UNFPA SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		10	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR • Integrated progress and midterm review report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017 • Midterm review of the UNFPA integrated budget, 2014-2017, including implementation of the revised cost recovery methodology • Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the midterm review of the UNFPA integrated budget, 2014-2017 • Statistical and financial review, 2015 • UNFPA report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2015
	3 – 4:30 p.m.	10	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (cont'd)
	4:30 – 6 p.m.		*UNFPA special event: 13th Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture*
Tuesday, 7 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNFPA SEGMENT (cont'd)**
		11	UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Presentation and approval of country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes
		12	EVALUATION • Annual report of the UNFPA Evaluation Office and management response • Thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to population and housing census data to inform decision-making and policy formulation (2005-2014)
	3 – 5 p.m.		**UNOPS SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		13	UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES • Annual report of the Executive Director
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Wednesday, 8 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNDP SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
		2	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR • Integrated annual report of the Administrator for 2015 and midterm review of the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017 • UNDP report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2015 • Statistical annex
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	2	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR (cont'd)

		3	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Midterm review of the UNDP integrated budget, 2014-2017, including implementation of the revised cost recovery methodology
	5:30 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Thursday, 9 June	10 – 11:30 a.m.		**UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)**
		3	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (cont'd)
	11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	4	GENDER IN UNDP • Annual report on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2014-2017
		5	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT • Update on Human Development Report consultations (GA resolution 57/264)
	3 – 4:30 p.m.	8	UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND • Report on results achieved by UNCDF in 2015
	4:30 – 6 p.m.	9	UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS • United Nations Volunteers: Report of the Administrator
Friday, 10 June	10 – 10:30 a.m.	6	UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Presentation and approval of country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes
	10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	7	EVALUATION • Annual report on evaluation and management response
	11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**JOINT SEGMENT**
		14	INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT • Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and investigations and management responses
	3 – 6 p.m.	14	INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT (cont'd)
		15	REPORTS OF THE ETHICS OFFICES OF UNDP, UNFPA AND UNOPS • Reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on activities for 2014 and management responses
		16	FIELD VISITS • Reports on field visits
		17	OTHER MATTERS • Adoption of decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the tentative workplan for the second regular session 2016 • Closing of the session